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NOTES ON THE GENEALOGY  
OF THE STEVENS-HALSTED, WELLMAN-POSTON  
FAMILIES IN INDIANA

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PREFACE

These notes are only preliminary to the time when we hope to have gathered more complete information on the subject. To do this thoroly would require considerable time and money. However the writer feels that we should preserve what we have and that if those who may have pertinent information will send it in, we may eventually have a fairly complete record to our own satisfaction and the edification of our posterity.

Abbreviations used are: "b" for "born",  
-m-" for "married", and "dau." for "daughter".

If any outside of the immediate family wish copies, they may send in orders and about 25¢ to cover cost of materials used, postage & and what, if any, they may care to contribute to a research fund. The lineal descent once established, would then be available for those who wish to join the D.A.R. & without the cumulative cost of individual searches.

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## WELLMAN-POSTON GENEALOGY

So far we have been unable to discover which country the Wellman ancestors came from but the name sounds somewhat German to the writer altho it may be British. It seems likely that the immediate ancestors of the branch herein listed came to America before the Revolutionary War and that some of them took part in it for there was a Gideon Wellman (whose father was probably Timothy), Darius, Ebenezer, John, Sam, and Timothy Jr. in the war, -(Refer to Vermont Rev. Pa. rolls (1779-1781)). As Gideon is not a common name, it seems likely that the Gideon of Rushville, Ind. was named after the Gideon Wellman of the Revolution.

It is possible altho not certain that Aaron Wellman (b.1805) was a brother of or cousin to Hezekiah Wellman (1789-185-), War of 1812, who was son of Paul Wellman (b.ab.1765 - in the Rev. War 3 years -m-P. Eastman. Paul was the son of Barnabas Wellman (ab.1745-1800?) also in the Rev. -m-Sarah Ward. Barnabas was the son of Gideon Wellman born, I suppose between 1700 and 1720. If this is the right line, Aaron Wellman (1805) was a great grandson of Gideon Wellman (b.ab.1720). It seems very likely that this is why Aaron Wellman of Rush County, Ind. named one of his boys Gideon.

Aaron Wellman was born in Kentucky (March 3, 1805 - Feb. 26, 1868) (Refer - U.S. Census 1850). About 1828 he married Frances Lyons, age 16, who was born in Indiana (July 12, 1812 - Sept. 23, 1877). They are both buried at Pleasant Run about three miles west of New Salem as well as Elias and Hester Poston. According to Wayne Wellman, the last surviving child, neither Aaron nor his wife could read or write and this is confirmed by the census reports. The value of their farm land was \$1,720 in 1850 and





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\$15,800 in 1860. Their home was about two and one-half miles west of New Salem and almost across the road from the old T.J. Downey place. According to Wayne, Aaron at one time worked in the coal mines in Penn. and made salt somewhere. It is possible however that this was his father.

The earliest representative of our branch of the Poston family and probably the only branch in America, was John Poston who came from Scotland (his wife from Ireland) to Boone Station, Ky. near Paris and probably in Bourbon County.

It was here that Judge Elias Poston was born on Sept. 9, 1786. He was cradled in a sugar trough and lived in a block-house which was made of logs, widening from the bottom to the top to keep the Indians from crawling up the sides. It was necessary for the men to guard while the women hoed the garden.

One day Elias heard an Indian imitating a wild turkey call in order to get some of the whites to come out into the woods so that the Indian could kill him. Some one answered the call while John Poston, father of Elias, slipped around thru the bushes and shot the Indian. (This information given by Elias' daughter Charlotte on her death bed and immediately written down by her daughter Lucy (Wellman) Meridith.)

Elias married first Nancy \_\_\_\_\_. There were seven children. His second wife was Hester Farra born March 27, 1796 probably in Kentucky and died ? 22, 1863. There **WERE** ten children making seventeen in all for Elias. He was the first superior judge at Rushville, Ind. and practiced medicine.



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- 1-Aaron Wellman b. Ky. (1805-1868) -m-Frances  
Lyons b. Ind. (1812-1877). Issue:  
3-Sarah Jane (1829-1869)  
4-Robert (1830-1912?) -lived at New Salem, Ind.  
5-Gideon Wellman (1833-1912) Rushville, Ind.  
6-Wm. H. (died one year of age)  
7- Margaret E. (b.1834)  
8-Rillar (b.1836)  
9-Orris (1839) (no issue)  
10-Martha (1840) New Salem, Ind.  
11-Hester (1844) " " "  
12-Charlotte (1846) died while a child.  
13-Aaron P. (1850) " " " "  
14-Perry (A.P.) (1851) New Salem, Ind. (no issue)  
15-Marietta (1853) " " " " "  
16-Anthony Wayne (1855) Rushville, Ind. R.R.-1  
(the only living member of the family.)

3-Sarah Jane -m- Rich (Dick) Tyner. Issue:  
Elijah Tyner, Robt. John, Henry, and Amanda -m-  
Cluty (dau Celina)

4-Robert Wellman -m- Rebecca Guffin. Issue:  
23-Eva W. Wellman -m- Clinton Buell, 24-Alice -m-  
Thos. J. Downey,, Rhoda -m- John Morris (L.J.),  
26-Ross Wellman (no issue), 27-Aaron Wellman  
(ab.1865) (no issue)

Issue of T.J. and Alice Downey-28-Stella Downey,  
Rushville, Ind. Issue of John and Rhoda Morris -  
29-Carl Morris (ab.1881-1922)(no issue), 30-Ruby,

5-Gideon Wellman -m- Charlotte Poston.

Issue: 31-Lily -m- Jabez Winship (no issue),  
Rushville, Ind., 32-Jeanette, 33-Hettie Frances,  
34-Mary Lucy -m-Will S. Meridith (no issue) Rushville,  
Ind. 35-Harvey Perry (ab.1879-1925).

Issue of Jesse and Jeanette (Wellman) Bennett:

36-Ruel Wellman Bennett -m- Sunshine Issue:

38-Ruel Jr. (b.ab.1926) 5802 E. New York St.,  
Indianapolis, Ind. Issue of Manfred A. and

Hettie F. (Wellman) Stevens, Rushville, Ind., R.R. 1:

38-Clarence Perry Stevens and Wilbur Gideon





Issue of Clarence P. and Frances L. (Fromm) Stevens: 10-George Arnold (1919) and Robt. W. (1924), Martinez, California.

Issue of 39-Wilbur G. and Buelah (Staples) Stevens; 42-Wilbur Jr. (1919) East Aurora, N.Y.

Issue of Harvey Perry and Millie (Thompson) Wellman (she came from Australia) (1st m.)

43-Theo. Clemens (ab. 1902) -m- Grace Finn of San Rafael, Calif. (no issue) to date), Portland, Oregon. Issue of Geo. Perry and Elizabeth (Hawkins) Wellman (latter from Oakland, Calif.) Medford, Oregon: 46 Nancy (1925) and 47-Marjorie Ann (1928)

7-Margaret E. Wellman -m- John Brily.

Issue: 48-Luther Brily, 49-Frank, 50-Lettie -m- 1st a Brown, 2nd a Barlow (no data of boys)

8-Rillar (Wellman) Coleman issue:

51-Rennie Coleman, 52-Emma (Coleman) Harmon, Long Beach, Calif. (her dau. Velda, Urbana, Ill.)

54-Perry Coleman (deceased), 55-Ira, 56-Allen.

10-Martha Wellman -m- Joseph Holman. Issue:

57-John -m- F. Deering, 58-Lot -m- Cora \_\_\_\_\_,

(19-dau. Charlotte), 60-Ed -m- \_\_\_\_\_ Starks

(no issue) All at New Salem, Ind.

11-Hester -m- Ward Logan. Issue: 61-Ed Logan -m- Ella Starks (no issue), Thos. -m- Ella \_\_\_\_\_, 63-Jesse -m- \_\_\_\_\_, New Salem, Ind.

16-Anthony Wayne Wellman - issue of 1st m. 64-Willie (died when a child), 2nd m. Dora Starks (no issue), 3rd Mary (no issue) Rushville, Ind. R.R. 1.

Harvey P. Wellman -m- 2nd Beatrice Camomile of Oakland Calif. (no issue)



The members of the Poston family so far as known to the writer and not already given above are as follows:

65-John Poston (ab.1760-1820) from Scotland to Boone Station, Ky. about 1800 -his wife from Ireland, known issue:  
66-Judge Elias Poston.

66-Judge Elias Poston (1786-1867)  
b.Ky. 1st -m- to Nancy. Issue: 68-Nancy, 69-Sally, 70-Elizabeth, 71 Elijah,

72-Kitty Ann, 73-John Milton, 74-Jane, (no data on the issue of these children)  
66-Elias Poston -m-2nd 75-Hester Farra  
~~poss. 1830-1850, but probably not in~~

(1796-1863), Issue: (but not in order of birth) 76-Charlotte (Poston) Wellman (ab.1834-1910) 77-Amos Poston, 78-George, 79-Sanford. 80-Aaron, 81-Margaret (Maggie), 82-Mary, 83-Elias Jr. 84-Charles, 85-Hester.

Issue of George and Nancy Poston:  
86-Quincy -m- Marietta Wellman (no issue)  
87-Tell -m- J.M. (Nine) Amos, Rushville, Ind. 88-Mrs. Williard Amos (dau. is Mary) 89-Sanford.

Issue of 87-Tell and J.M. Amos:  
90-Ethel Amos, 91-Luella, 92-Wm., 93-Georgia, 94-Chlorine.





## STEVENS, HALSTEAD GENEALOGY

Several by the name of Stevens came from Great Britain to the Am. Colonies in the first half of the 17th century and many took a prominent part in the colonial wars and in the Revolution.

"Col. John Stevens b. N.Y. 1749 invented not only the method of driving ships by the screw-propeller but also the multi-tubular boiler (1803); established between N.Y. and Hoboken the first steam ferry in the world (1811). He designed the first iron-clad ship (1813) practically anticipating the Monitor, obtained the first charter for an American railroad and single handed did more for transportation in America than any other man."-(Kaempffert: A Popular History of Am. Invention, Vol.II, p.77.)

The same authority says that nearly a decade before Fulton ran his Clermont, Stevens had a steamboat on the Hudson river as builder owner, and captain.

John F. Stevens was chief engineer of the Panama Canal (1905-1907) Many others have been prominent and while the lines of descent are not actually established as yet there is little doubt but that the branch of the family herein listed is at least collaterally related the most of them. The descendants, however of Thos. Holdup Stevens are not related as he took the name by legislative enactment.

1-Isaac Stevens was born in North Carolina sometime between 1775 and 1799. The U.S. Census of 1850 gives the date as 1795 and that of 1860 as 1799. As neither Isaac nor his wife could read or write he probably had no written records. It seems likely that 1775 is the correct date.



In the year 1840 Isaac Stevens and Elizabeth Stevens, His wife, (born Tenn. 1798) were living in Noble Township, Rush County, Indiana with seven other members of the family, presumably their children - four boys and three girls. The name is spelled Stephens in the censuses of 1840 and 1850 but Stevens in 1860.

In 1850, the children listed were Barbay (suppose Barbara) born 1830, age 20; Jacob S., born 1833, age 17; Wm. M. C. (Mc) born 1836, age 14. Real estate \$3240.

In 1860 there were living with Isaac, Wm. M. and Phebe Stevens, his wife, age 20, and Clara eight months old. Real estate \$9440. (The above information was secured by having a research worker to examine the census records at Washington, D.C.).

The brothers of Isaac, some of whom at least came from North Carolina with him and settled around Andersonville, Ind. were 2-James, 3 Isom, 4-Jobe, 5-Henry, 6-Wesley, and 7-Solomon. Isaac and Elizabeth are buried in a field about two miles N.E. of New Salem, Ind on the Holden farm. The relations follow:

- 1-Isaac Stevens (1795-1879)-m- Elizabeth (Smith?) (1793-1857) born Tennessee. Issue:
- 26-Sarah (Winchel) (b. between 1820-25);
- 27-Mary (Trusler) (b. between 1820-25);
- 28-Sam (b. between 1820-25)
- 44A?- Barbay (or Barbara) (1830- ) b. Ind.
- 29- Jacob S. (1833-18.1880) b. Ind.
- 30- Wm. Mc. (1836 - ) b. Ind.

There was another brother maybe named John who was born between 1815 and 1840 but he must have died under 15 years of age as he is not given in the next census.





... brothers and sisters of Elizabeth (Smith?) Stevens (1828-1857) were probably John S., Sarah -m- David Rainsbad Nancy -m- Elijah Stevens,, Hannah -m- ? Christian Spaulgh, Stacy-m- ? & Mundy. Jake wrote that to be a descendant of the last.

26- Sarah (Winchel). Issue: 31-George Winchel; 32-Anne; 33-Mealy; 34-Alvin; 35-Lit -m- Geo. Tinton (issue: Clarence, Ray, John of Texas)

31- Geo. Winchel father of Ora (Jones) whose children are 37-Erlene and 38- Claude of Knobnoster, Mo.

32- Anne (ab. 1850-1810) -m- Sylvester Colvin. Issue at New Salem, Ind.: 39-Mary, 40-Jessie -m- John Murphy, 41- Mrs. Enos McKibben, other of Sylvester -m- Elsie Higgins, and 43-Omar.

27-Mary (Trusler) issue: 44B-Barbara, 45- Lige (or Lide) Linville, 46-Kate, 47-Mealy, 48-Emma, 49-Bill, 50-Jim, 51-Julia. 44B- Barbara (da. of Mary or Sarah? married a Glazebrook their dau. 55-Mary -m- Henry Haran whose children are 56- Lloyd, 57-Geo., 58-Ailine -m- a Fagan, Knobnoster, Mo. 51-Julia (Porter. Issue: 59 Ethel (her issue. 60-Clarence and 61-Robt.), 60-Calcie Porter, 61-Roy, 62-Kenneth, Connorsville, Ind.

30-Wm. Mc. Stevens (b.1836) -m- Phebe (b.1830) issue: 63-Clara (b.1860) -m- Lige Matney, issue 64 whose son is Ross Stevens, New Salem, Ind.

28-Sam Stevens b. ab. 1823) -m- a Churchill. Issue: 68-Milton, 69-Bill, 70-Nell, 71- Sam (no data for the rest)



28- Jacob S. Stevens (1833-ab. 1880) -m-  
 about 1855 72-Elizabeth Ann Halstead (ab.1830  
 -1900), New Salem, Ind. It is thot that  
 72-Elizabeth's father was 15 Hick Halstead  
 altho not certain. Children of his 1st m,  
 were 16-Wm.(drowned in the Civil War) -m-  
 an Austin? Issue: 17 Hershal, 18-Sally,  
 19-Ernest, 20-Wanny -m- a McCurry, 21- Oscar  
 Stewart is said to be a descendant of some o  
 these children.

15 Hick? Halstead -m-2nd a Eliza? Jones  
 Issue: 72-Elizabeth Ann Halstead, and 23  
 Thos. Halstead of whom Mart Lewark and Orly  
 Glenwood, Ind. are said to be descendants.

15-Hick? Halstead -m-3rd a Taylor  
 Issue: 24 James and 25-Nina Halstead,  
 Connersville, Ind.

and 72-72- Elizabeth Ann Halstead, brothers  
 and sisters of: 73-Mary (no issue), 74  
 Lucinda (no issue), 75-Lila (no issue)  
 76-Louisa, 77-Thos. (no issue), 78-Hick  
 (no issue), 79- George, 80-John.

Louisa Halstead) Tate. Issue: 81-Fip,  
 82-John Tate, 83-Ed, 84-James, 85-Wm., 86-Or  
 87, Kirk, 88-Minnie, Bunker Hill, Ind.

79-George Halstead(ab. 1850) -m- Mary  
 Issue:Theo. C. Norfolk, Va.

80-John Halstead -m- a Tucker. Issue:  
 90-Len, 91-John, 92-Gertrude, Richmond, Ind.

29-Jacob S.Stevens (b.1833) -m-  
 Elizabeth Ann Halstead. Issue: 93- Isaac  
 (1856-1927) (no issue), 94- Mary (B.ab.1860),  
 95-Hickson, 96 Oliver Alden (Aldy),  
 97-Manfred A., 98-Ida(no issue), 99-Omar  
 (ab.1870-1923) (no issue), George(no issue).



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94- Mary Stevens -m- Sol Coon. Issue;  
Dessie (b.ab.1885) -m- 1st Geo. Hoffman. Issue  
George 102. 101-Dessie -m- 2nd Robt. Doyle.  
Rushville, Ind. R.R.-2.

95-Hickson (b.ab.1858)-m- Anna Coon.  
Issue: 103-Hickson Jr. (b.ab.1887), Winnie  
(b. ab.1888), 105-May-m- a Jones, 106-Ray,  
107-Eva.

97-Manfred A. (1862- ) -m- Hettie F.  
Wellman (1863- ) Issue: 108 Clarence P. (b.1889  
and 109-Wilbur G. Stevens (1890)--)  
108 Clarence P. Stevens-m- Frances L. Fromm  
(1896- ) Issue: 110-George A. (1919- ) and  
111-Robt. W. (1924), 1127 Susana St.,  
Martinez, California.

109-Wilbur G. Stevens -m- Beulah  
Staples (b.ab.1889) Issue: 112-Wilbur Jr.  
(1919)















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